

Greetings to the FCC:

This pertains to docket 04-233.

My wife and I are deeply disturbed by & concerned about the plan of the Sinclair Group to transmit over all its 62 television stations an anti-John Kerry program whose purpose is obviously intending to persuade voters to vote against Kerry for President and for G.W. Bush.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obliged by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Beyond questions around the legality of Sinclair's partisan actions to serve G.W. Bush & the Republican Party, it's clearly not ethical to broadcast a lengthy attack on John F. Kerry without providing equivalent time at the same time on their stations' broadcast schedules, for a presentation of equal quality.

There's an obvious solution to Sinclair's fundamental unfairness in this instance, as there is a film documentary called "Going Upriver," which speaks to the same questions the anti-JFK, pro-Bush film raises.

If Sinclair is willing to schedule both productions at precisely equivalent times, as I said above, then the 62 stations perform an act of public service to their communities and our commonwealth.

Given Sinclair's history of bias and neglect of its charge to serve the needs of its communities, it's not likely Sinclair will perform as it should.

Therefore, if Sinclair proceeds as it intends, its licenses at all its 62 stations should not be renewed by the FCC, and your commission should further assess all 62 stations with substantial punitive monetary fines. Your reprimand of Sinclair must, for the sake of the American people, have teeth.

Any media corporation that flaunts and abuses its public trust should have its licenses to broadcast cancelled and the broadcast properties put up for bids by corporations who demonstrate responsibility in administering its public trust.

The airwaves of the United States belong to the people, not to radical right wingers consumed by their desire to control information and thought, and obsessed by their single selfishness and compulsive greed.

We implore you to do your duty on behalf of all citizens of our United States.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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